

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 18, 1928

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Col. E. Austin Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, W. Gordon Beecher, Architect, and Mr. James Cary Martien, presented to the Board a statement in connection with the bids received for the construction of a new building at Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore, for the offices of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The statement showed that after certain eliminations had been made from the original plans, the proposal of the Consolidated Engineering Company, the lowest bidder, was \$25,300 in excess of the money available from the appropriation for the work in the General Construction Loan of 1927 after taking into account the amount of \$850 to be received from the salvage from the old building. The Governor stated he would be willing to ask the next Legislature to appropriate money to take care of the difference. It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles be authorized to proceed with the plans, etc. for the work, the contract price being \$179,889.00.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, of the State Department of Health, appeared before the Board and stated that the lease which the State Department of Health has for its present quarters will expire in August of this year, and that the department would want to have the advice and approval of the Board of Public Works in the matter of selecting new quarters. He stated that the present quarters of the Department were inadequate and unsuited and that it would be too costly to secure desirable quarters in the downtown section. An investigation of available locations disclosed that the property at Charles and 24th Streets (St. Paul's) was for sale or rent - that it could be purchased for \$150,000, or rented for \$14,000 per year, the latter figure being the amount paid as rent for the present quarters of the Department. After discussing the subject, the Board authorized the State Department of Health to see what could be done toward securing a lease for a term of years, the lease to contain a clause giving the State an option to purchase the property at \$150,000.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read:

January 18, 1928

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

We beg to submit herewith for your approval the following contracts for the new buildings and improvements at the Maryland House of Correction:

Electromechanical Company, Baltimore, Maryland, for the electrical work of the Central Cell Wing for \$21,240.00.

Heat and Power Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, Heating contract for the new Cell Wing for \$14,500.00

Ralph MacMurray, Baltimore, Maryland, Rebuilding the kitchen, changes to the dining room, tunnel connecting to cold storage plant, etc. \$18,877.00.

Slingluff Concrete Processing Company, Baltimore, Md. for floors, table tops, dining-room and kitchen, \$4,575.00.

George F. Smith Oven Company, Baltimore, Md. for bake oven, \$3,300.00

Heywood-Wakefield Co. for dining-room stools, \$1,000.00

Hutchinson Brothers, Baltimore, Md. for dish washing machine, ovens, steaming kettles and other equipment for the kitchen, \$4,254.55.

National Theatre Supply Company, Baltimore, for motion picture equipment, \$1,050.00

Blumenthal, Kahn Electrical Company, Baltimore Md. for electrical feeders to connect the Warden's residence, \$1,510.00

Davis Construction Company, Baltimore, Md. for grading, \$1,175.00

Van Dorn Iron Works Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for lockers and desks for new cells, \$6,742.00.

The above contracts were awarded to the lowest bidders and approved as to form by the Attorney General of Maryland. They are submitted pursuant to the Acts of 1927.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Case,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion duly seconded the contracts enumerated were approved.

The following letter from Mr. Samuel E. Shannahan, member of the Board of State Aid and Charities was read:

January 12, 1928

Hon. W. S. Gordy:
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:

It has been brought to my attention that the Church Home and Infirmary in Baltimore has been accumulating a deficit for some years and last year it was very considerable due to the volume of free patients.

I was wondering if there was an accumulation of funds in the Comptroller's hands from unearned appropriations of institutions on our list and that if there was such an accumulation would it be possible for the Board of Public Works upon the recommendation of the Board of State Aid and Charities, to pay something to the Church Home out of this accumulation.

I very much hope that such could be the case and if so I would personally be very grateful and I know the Church Home would likewise. Would you be good enough to advise me?

Yours truly,

S. E. Shannahan.

The Board decided there was no way in which any funds could be made available to the Church Home and Infirmary from the State Budget.

The Governor offered the following resolution

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, The Act of 1924, Chapter 345, appropriates \$225,000 from the proceeds of the bond issue therein authorized to Spring Grove State Hospital for completion and equipment of Foster Clinic unit, and there is a balance of something over \$6,000 remaining from said appropriation.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act authorizes the said institution to expend such balance on construction or equipment work approved by the Board of Public Works.

AND WHEREAS, the new boiler, laundry machinery and water supply work, for which the Act of 1927, Chapter 345, appropriates \$20,000, will cost approximately \$3,000 more than said sum.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works that the Trustees of Spring Grove State Hospital are authorized to expend said sum of \$3,000 in completing the work last mentioned; and to take the same from the said balance remaining from the appropriation of 1924.

Upon motion duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The following statement covering work to be done at Montrose School for Girls was submitted, authority being requested to proceed with the work outlined:

Baltimore, Maryland,
December 2nd, 1927

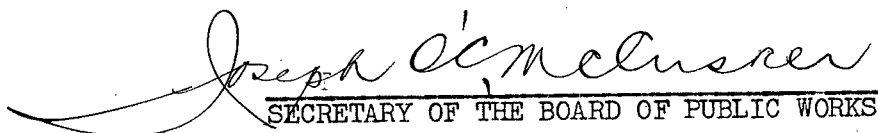
MAKEUP OF LOWEST ESTIMATES FOR HONOR COTTAGE #1, MONTROSE SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS	WOODENSBURG	MARYLAND
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Tase-Norris Company (Building)...	\$37,775.00	
J. H. Allender Sons Co. (heating)...	3,194.70	
do (Plumbing).....	3,992.30	
Blumenthal-Kahn (Electric).....	1,234.00	
Lighting Fixtures	320.00	
Allowed for outside ^{wiring} wiring , done by the Gas & Electric Company.....	300.00	
		\$46,816.00
Architects' Commission.....	2,808.96	
		\$49,624.96
Albwd for contingencies.....	375.04	
Appropriation.....	\$50,000.00	

Upon motion duly seconded, the Montrose School for Girls was authorized to proceed with the construction of the new building, in accordance with the estimates shown in the foregoing statement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS